

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A toner comprising low-silicon magnetites.
2. The toner of claim 1, wherein the low-silicon magnetites have a silicon content of less than 0.025 wt%.
3. The toner of claim 1, wherein the magnetites have a silicon content of less than 0.0025 wt%.
4. The toner of claim 1, wherein the magnetites have a silicon content of less than 0.001 wt%.
5. The toner of claim 1, wherein the magnetites have  
a brightness  $L^*$  of from 50.0 to 60.00 CIELAB,  
a color tinge  $a^*$  of -0.5 to 1.5 CIELAB,  
a color tinge  $b^*$  of -3.0 to -7.0 CIELAB,  
a sphericity of 0.80 to 1.0,  
a coercive force of 30 to 70 oersted,  
a particle size of 0.1 to 1.0  $\mu\text{m}$ ,  
a sulfur content of 0.05 to 1.1 wt%, determined as  $\text{SO}_3$ ,  
a manganese content of 0.05 to 0.5 wt%,  
a content of water-soluble components of less than 0.2 wt% and a  
pH of 4.0 to 8.5.